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Water Show Slated For Sept. 14-15

"Aquaoppin' '44," a brilliant GI water spectacle, will burst upon Fort Benning in mid-September with a glittering array of beautiful girls, lavish costumes, thrilling stunt-diving, precision water battles, and comedy by the barrel-full.

The show, which is being produced by the Fort Benning Athletic Association under the supervision of Lt. Col. Alexander H. Vesey, will be presented at Russ Pool for two nights. The dates have been set for Thursday and Friday, Sept. 14 and 15.

PLenty of SEATS

Action during "Aquaoppin'" will take place both in the waters of the pool, on a gaily decorated floating stage, and in the 40-foot high diving tower. Seating accommodations will be provided on the eastern bank of the pool for close to 5,000 spectators each night.

Benning's first such water show, the original "Aquaoppin'" was produced at the same pool in 1942 and proved a howling success. The show is intended to be a mixture of a Billy Rose Aquacade and Olson and Johnson's "Aquaoppin' '44." The aquaoppin' girls have promised continuous entertainment thrills for the one hour and ten minutes which the show will run.

EX-PROFESSIONALS

Featured performers in the production will be drawn from almost every unit at the post, and most of them have brilliant entertainment backgrounds in the entertainment world.

Occupying the starring roles will be Staff Sergeant Alvin Rife, Infantry School WAC Detachment, 11, one of the top most decorated women volunteers; Private Eddie Kepinger and Red Hall, Academic Regiment, both former top-flight radio announcers and newscasters; Sgt. Hank Aitken, Parachute School, former member of the Bluejackets, radio comedians; Sgt. Eddie Davis, radio disc jockey; Lt. Col. Irving Schectman, 3d Infantry, and Cpl. Frank Rogler, 6th Infantry, both male vocalists; George Newton, 5th Infantry, fancy and comic dancer; a host of comedians whose names will be released shortly.

Private Ewen, whom *TIME* Magazine recently characterized as one of the foremost writers on music in this country, has just been attached to the Public Relations Office at The Parachute School.

Private Ewen is the author of more than 15 books, of which have been on best-seller lists. Among his most recent successes are "Dictators of the Baton," and "The Story of George Gershwin."

A new book completed just before Private Ewen entered the Army is to be published in October, "Men of Popular Music."

Private Ewen also contributed articles to most of the well-known newspapers and magazines in this country, some of which have been distributed overseas by the OWI.

FAIR FROM BEETHOVEN

Private Ewen was inducted into the United States Army on March 28, 1944.

"Holding a 40 mm gun was a novel experience," he confesses, "and its music was a far cry from that of Bach or Beethoven. But my Battery Commander had set his heart on making me a gunner, and so when he was through with me, I was the Chief of Section on the gun crew."

Asked about his first reactions to K. P. and other G. I. experiences, he answered quickly: "My

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Trooper Unit Gets Chow Fit For A General, Yassuh

Sgt. Harry Chan's culinary ability and experience is the reason for the milling throng around the mess hall of Company "O", receiving company of the parachute school. Word has spread like a prairie grass fire that Chan, who is Lt. Gen. George L. Eichelberger's personal cook and a new guy is here. "Come and get it, chow fit for a general."

Hailing from San Francisco's Chinatown, world famed for its superb food, Harry has his own army cooking training in the city of the Golden Gate. From the day he arrived at the reception center at Monterey until now, Chan's sole occupation has been cooking. In 1942, he arrived in Atlanta and prepared the meals for the staff officers of General Eichelberger's command.

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Eichelberger and two brigadiers who ate there regularly, some of the more prominent military men who have eaten at that mess included Generals MacArthur and Krueger, Austria, Macmillan, Eddy, and General Holland of the Marines. He was too busy, says Chan, toiling over the hot stove to let the preponderance of high military men face him.

Favorite dishes of the generals must be清淡, as military men like to eat. Chan restricts the information. However, he does admit that he had no complaints and some of the visitors have come into the kitchen after a meal and complimented him on his cooking.

The Company "O" men need no further under his new set-up. Sergeant Chan will let up on his preparations of the chow. He avers that his profession is an art and he intends to practice it to the best of his ability. Chan's greatest concern is, if interested, they can write (through channels, of course) to his previous army employers for further testimony.

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—Private Hudd W. Humphreys.

From Italy

Friday 5th Anniversary Of Second World War

Memo to Adolf Hitler:

Tomorrow is the first of September, an epochal date in history—past and present. You should remember, Herr Schicklgruber. You have been the cause of many historical events—ones that will now leave you hysterical.

Yes, five years ago September first, the then-powerful Nazi war machine roared into Poland; the invasion of Europe was on...!!

And the Blitzkrieg blasted one after another of the small, ill-equipped nations, the conquerors plying the lash of fear and cruelty with merciless tyranny...

But much water—and blood, sweat, and tears—have gone under the bridge since the German hordes tried to follow in the paths of Caesar and Napoleon...

And now the scene has shifted for the Nazis; their vaunted offensive is a thing of the past—the hunter is hunted!

Turned indeed has the tide, and the German Army—the self-termed Master Race—is racing towards the Fatherland...

"Invasion"! The full and horrible meaning of this word will now be brought home in furyous force to the Nazis, as they desperately prepare to defend their own soil...

Mark well the date, upon your calendar, Adolf Hitler, and mark every day, too, upon this calendar—for your days are numbered!

—M. T. G.

Typographical Errors Are Pesky Things

A single misplaced letter in any language can do more to enrage a subscriber and embarrass an editor than whole reams of vituperation.

When on the death of President McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt succeeded to the high office, a New York editor desired to contrast the event with a recent event in Europe. But the composition, coming to the word "death" in the manuscript, struck a wrong "key" and the sentence appeared: "For sheer democratic dignity, when, surrounded by the Cabinet, Mr. Roosevelt took the simple bath as President of the United States."

Certain words are a standing peril to typesetters. A collision between a train and a cow, reported in a newspaper, ended with the remark that the engineer "putting on full steam, dashed up against the cow and literally cut her into calves."

An unfortunate impression was given when a newspaper reporting a wedding with a double quartet of bridesmaids said: "The bride was accompanied to the altar by eight bridesmaids."

The word window has harassed the editors of all English-speaking countries, but it was, nevertheless, astonishing to find "House and Garden" remarking casually: "Nothing gives a greater variety to the appearance of a house than a few undraped widows."

—Camp Howze Howitzer

Army Bends Every Effort To Cut Red Tape For G. I.

One great accomplishment of the new Army of the United States has been the conscious effort to expedite the conduct of business, to make complicated tasks as simple as possible, to reduce red tape to the vanishing point. A soldier home from battles overseas especially appreciates any attempt to smooth the military machinery so that it impedes him, personally, with a minimum of forms, questionnaires, interviews, letters and other harassments. This is understandable. The man who has charged an enemy pillbox may be forgiven a certain degree of impatience with paper routines, no matter how important to his present and future welfare. Recognizing this state of mind, the Army has established Redistribution Stations for the specific purpose of serving the men from overseas with the same tact and courtesy required to create goodwill in any activity.

Major General Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command, has announced establishment of two Redistribution Stations, one in hotels at Asheville, N. C., and the other in hotels at Miami, Fla. It might be noted that two of the nation's five redistribution stations have been established within the southeastern states, the others being in Lake Placid, New York, Santa Barbara, California and Hot Springs, Arkansas. Soldiers processed through the redistribution stations will find themselves moving with fewer irritations than at any time in their military careers. A man who has been inducted into the Army, trained to fight, sent overseas, participated in the offensive against our Axis enemies and returned home, has absorbed the lessons of military discipline, soldierly standards of conduct and the particular skills required in his individual assignment.

These soldiers are entitled to consideration of their experience and background during that period of time when necessary administrative work must be accomplished before they rejoin tactical military organizations. When a man reports to a Redistribution Station after his 21-day furlough, the Fourth Service Command wants every incident to be remembered pleasantly. There is to be no griping about waiting in lines if we can help it. Our personnel will handle the paper and the routine so far as

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From Italy

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But much water—and blood, sweat, and tears—have gone under the bridge since the German hordes tried to follow in the paths of Caesar and Napoleon...

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This has been said; that worth is soon forgot. And those who get the praise deserve it not, While those who burden bore and battle won, Return from whence they came—oblivion!

The public eye is ever wont to dwell On gleaming medals, silver bars and gold; While shoulders bare and coat-sleeves unadorned, The real story often leave un told.

The tinsel falls into the outstretched hands Of those who seek it, while the silent bands And voiceless files of the worthy men, Their trust fulfilled shall go their way again!

So let it be, for us it is enough

To do the work and let the credit go To those who seek it. Satisfaction comes In fullest measure when the noisy guns Shall all be still, and weapons laid away.

And smiling peace, unarmed, leads the way To quiet lanes, soft warmth of summer days, When long-remembered faces—Let them give the praise

To whom they please—we simply ask to go Upon our several journeys; and while so departing, with unpublished thanks,

Say to empty spaces in our ranks: "We will remember; yours will be the names Our sons shall know; though no scroll proclaims The things you did, the places where you died, No medal hangs an empty sleeve beside.

Though honored not with brass and vain parade,

The thanks of millions is your accolade."

—Pvt. R. E. Lee.

In Kodak Bear

People sometimes are attacked because of moral lacking, But those most slanderously hacked are those with moral backing.

It is difficult to teach democracy in a home, or factory, or school where everyone wants to be boss.

Discipline enforced with a stick is not kind that sticks.

Passing resolutions may help, but not half as much as keeping them.

It doesn't help to give a piece of your mind unless you give the whole of your heart.

Parents who are an example to their children, don't have to make an example of them.

A poor prune is a plum that got too dried up.



SUPERMEN?...

MANY A NAZI WHO STARTED OUT AS A WOW—



OFFERS SOME USEFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR SELECTION OF YULE GIFTS

By EILEEN

It may be only the last day of August—but have you noticed that Uncle Sam has already started his "mail early" campaign—and the newspaper advertising is beginning to feature gifts for the boy overseas?

With what prices up and selections down, it's a good thing to use a little creative ingenuity in gift-choosing for Christmas. There are hundreds of easy-to-make articles—some that you can toss off easily without directions—others to make which you'll have to have a basic pattern to follow.

If you're a magazine-saver you'll find hundreds of ideas in the women's magazines—gifts to make for every one of the people on your Christmas-giving list.

For the pink-white-and-blue bride there's a cozy soft blanket. Knit it in combination of knitted and purled stitches, or crochet it in a shell pattern—and dress it up with three soft satin bows.

And the Suzie who has just graduated from a crib into a youth bed will love a bedspread made in a block pattern, alternate blocks showing the front and the back views of a variety of nursery story animals in simple embroidery stiches.

Johnny just getting into school suits, can be popped into a knit-up-the-front, knit-down-the-back sweater—a simple ribbing and garter stitch affair that can be made, even by an inexpert knitter, in the dark.

Teen-agers in the family like things bright and colorful, so thumb through some of those magazines and look at the gay crocheted or knitted articles that make life more bearable for them. Shoe-sox.

It's the gifts you make for giving that delight the people you've made them for. And it's fun to make them, too. As tips to the gift-makers—you'll find that you can make a host of things from remnants—as to knitting—several yarn companies will furnish you with sample swatches from which to order yarn by mail—cheaper than retail—and they'll furnish directions, the right size needles or hooks.

Christmas may be almost four months in the offing—but the offing is creeping up fast—so if you're a gift-maker, start looking around!

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Getting cuffs on pants isn't going to worry ex-soldiers in the post-war world. What we're going to worry about is getting pants on the cuff.

Love: The most fun you can have without laughing.

"Some of the best cooks in the world are in the Navy!"

"What are they doing?"

The stork is charged with a lot of things which should be more properly blamed on a lark.

Love is like taking a bath; you have to get in gradually, otherwise you find yourself up to your neck before you expect to, and it may be too hot or too cold.

Texas is such a big state that it's a real trip from one part of it to another. A man from Brownsville, on the southern edge, was gone quite a while away from home and when he got back a neighbor inquired where he had been.

Overhead: "Double time is a means of swift locomotion whereby you reach your objective sooner, thereby permitting a longer time to wait for whatever you doubletime for."

Chivalry is a man's inclination to defend a woman against every man but himself.

The bus driver charged a lady full fare (40c) for her son. He had on long pants.

At the next corner a small boy wearing short trousers paid only 5c (half fare).

At the next stop, a lady mounted the bus and the conductor didn't charge her anything. Why?

You have an evil mind—the lady had a transfer.

A woman died. At the funeral her husband was sitting next to her lover.

The lover was crying continuously and carrying on something terrible. The husband turned to the lover and put his arm around the lover's shoulder in a comforting fashion and said: "Don't take it so hard, Joe. I'll probably get married again."

For seven years You buck the buck; You never have A bit of luck.

The five years spent Were overseas. You're still among The PFCs.

A staff; you're chosen So what happens? Rating are frozen.

Pvt. Will you marry me? Heiress: No, definitely not. Be a support!

Pvt. Aw, come on now. Among warm hearts you find no hot heads.

This Khaki'd World

by PVT. C. I. GRIPE...

By Chaplain John A. Troxier, 3d Inf. Regt.

A news correspondent reporting the battlefield news from the European theatre related that in all of his experience with the men at and near the front he had seen only two displays of pin-up pictures. But there that does not have with him the pictures of his wife, his baby, mother or sweetheart, in some combination. The commentator went on to say that it is hard for Hollywood to believe, but it is a fact that a little skinny, freckled-faced girl from the soldier's home is far more important to him than some glamorous photographic mixture of make-up, posing, and professional beauty.

It is wise to get the importance of things straight. Little things are worth a little price, and big things are worth a big price. But a man is a fool when he pays the big price for the little things. Soldier papers, magazines, and a lot of periodicals of all sorts spend a lot of expensive space and makeup money on extravagant pin-up pictures, and there is no question but that they are noticed. The boys while comment on the curves, etc., but still they know inside that such things are not really important. So when life becomes elemental, and the final issues are being enjoined, and men gather to their breasts those things that are important, we find them holding to those whom they love.

In all of our acts and thoughts of life is well to remember that the unimportant things should not arise to the place in our lives that we allow them to affect the important. A little fun may be worth a small price, but little fun is not worth a big price. Any chaplain can relate innumerable stories of the big price in divorce, heartbreak, and other sufferings that have come to men who did not know the difference between important and unimportant things.

"I've lost some panties!" exclaimed one of the gals. The manager, smothering a snicker, turned and walked away—not too slowly!

But then—to add insult to undervear—brassieres were next itemized, followed by slips, those black, lacy styles that are worn so intriguingly by the Hollywood glamour babes—in those "cheese-cake" photos.

Needless to state, the inventory was a success, for our hero was shifted quickly to the sporting goods section, where he had more fun than a child, on Christmas morn, swinging bats and tennis rackets.

This extra-curricular activity may prove a boon to Army wives; now their hubbies will know what to buy 'em for Xmas!

From months of dwelling in barracks, the ex-serviceman will also be adept at the art of pressing and cleaning clothes, washing windows, and various other sundry tasks—all necessary requisites for a model "housewife."

"... Soldiers will make good husbands!" declares G. I. Josie, basing her statement on the training the boys have received in bed-making, cleaning up, sweeping, mopping, and even cooking...

Yes, indeed, when the war is ended, many a loving wife will have breakfast served in bed by her devoted hubby, who is now

accustomed to performing all sorts of domestic duties... (Ed's note: Never behold such optimism.)

In some cases, perhaps the misses will continue to work, while her spouse remains at home to keep house and watch out for the kids!

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Sunday's Games To Decide Pennant Race In TIS Loop

By PFC. JOHN T. CRONIN

The curtain falls this week on the second-half of The Infantry School Baseball League, and from all indications, Sunday's games will decide who will meet the Academic Regimental Pros, winners of the first-half title, for the post-championship.

The 1st STR. Wolves, currently holding down first-place with 15 wins and 3 defeats, can clinch the flag Sunday afternoon by beating the Pros when the two teams clash on Gowdy Field.

This game could well be a pre-view of the playoffs. The Wolves will send "Lefty" Jim Prendergast to the firing line and the Pros are expected to counter with "Lefty" Wissman.

However, if the Pros win this game and the Rifles come through in a night game on Gowdy Field with the Parachute School, the Wolves and Rifles will end in a tie for first place.

Ewell Blackwell, the Rifles' great pitcher and the outstanding hurler in the league, will be on the mound and manager Mike Hogan of the Troopers is expected to toss "Lefty" Kennedy when the Rifles. Kennedy has been very impressive of late.

TROOPERS IMPROVE

The Troopers have been playing much better ball since Roy Weatherly, the former New York Yankee and Cleveland outfielder, joined the team. Weatherly appears to just what the Troopers need, but he arrived too late to make them a threat in the pennant race.

The Pros have found the going much tougher in the second-half, and have 10 wins since several defeats. The loss of Joe Dickinson, big right-hander, and Elmer Nieker, a hard-hitting outfielder, have hurt.

Two other games are scheduled before these all-important Sunday tilts. Tonight, the Troopers will meet the Pros on Gowdy Field and tomorrow night, the Wissman-coached lad will return to Gowdy Field to meet the 5th Infantry.

16-INNING THRILLER

Last Sunday's 16-inning game between the Wolves and the Cockades still has the fans talking. It took a home run by Bob Taylor to clinch the game for the Wolves.

Cliff Carlson, the Wolves' right-hander, and Dewey Wilkins, the Cockades' ace left-hander, had a grand battle on the mound. Carlson was great in winning and Wilkins was just as immense in losing.

Other features of last week's games included the 11 to 1 trouncing of the Fourth Infantry Raiders by the Pros; the 2 to 1 beating of the Wissman-coached Wolves and some great hitting by Charley Bamberger, Wolves' second-baseman; Bob Clements, the Rifles' shortstop; and Johnny Shumate, the Cockades' left fielder.

335th Ordnance Wins 3d In Row

The 335th Ordnance Battalion scored its third straight win in the Ordnance section of the 2nd Army Softball Loop by defeating the 388th Ordnance MAM Team yesterday at the Pine Grove PX Field.

The game was tied five-all going into the last half of the seventh inning. Then Andy Cerri hit a home run, only to have the umpire call it foul ball after the bases had already been circled.

WIN IN 8TH

In the eighth inning, the 335th were not to be denied as Klepczynski walked to start, and stole second and third, placing him in scoring position for Cerri, who hit his second of the shortstop's glove.

Mike Taitt batted in the first run of the day and was credited with two hits. Casimir (Casey) Klepczynski was star of the day with two hits and three walks in five trips to the plate.

Bremer was on the 335th and "Lefty" Alexander pitching, and Andy Marks catching.

For the 335th, John Mississian was on the mound, with Harvey Strauss catching.



SCRIBE CASTS A BALLOT

This being an election year, it is every man's privilege to cast a vote, and this being election time for The Infantry School League's All-Star squad, we feel it our rightful duty to toss our vote into the ballot box as well.

Usually, balloting of any kind is conducted on a secret basis and no one knows how you vote. Well, inasmuch as we have definitely made up our mind on just how we are voting, we are hereby making said nominees public, only in the hope that your disagreement with our choices will spur into casting a late ballot yourself.

Of course, many of you have already sent in your selections, but unfortunately the number of ballots forwarded to date nowhere approximates the number of avid fans who attend even the least attractive league games. So c'mon fans, whether you agree or disagree with us, get busy on your ballot and get it in by tomorrow night, which is deadline time. You'll find complete info on late balloting elsewhere in these pages.

Anyway, here's the way our ballot read when it was dropped in ye ole cigar box early this week.

FIRST BASE—Johnny Scheidt, Troopers
SECOND BASE—Benny Zientara, Pros
SHORTSTOP—Les Peden, Raiders
THIRD BASE—Red McCluskey, Wolves
LEFT FIELD—Garland Lawing, Pros
CENTER FIELD—George Weil, Troopers
RIGHT FIELD—Jim Shirley, Rifles
CATCHER—Bob Taylor, Wolves
PITCHER—Ewell Blackwell, Rifles
PITCHER—Dewey Wilkins, Cockades
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And now, lest we hear voices rising in unison, and yelling "Why, the man's plumb crazy," let's have a wee bit of discussion on just why the above 11 players are our idea of the best in the league.

First, we have a high spot to select the No. 1 man, because you have to choose Scheidt over Sid Silverman, the Rifle ace, and Milt Tico, 1st STR. star. Both of the latter will probably end up the Georgia Softball circuit, departed this morning for St. Petersburg, Fla., to participate in the Southeastern Regional softball tournament this coming week-end.

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Varchmin closed up after the third and pitched scoreless until the final stanza when the Reynolds Softies repeated with another walk, error, and a single, to post their second and a **STANZA 2**

NO-HITTER
Trooper domination of the tournament began in the first game when Varchmin, backed by the flawless fielding of his teammates, hurled a shut-out ball, ending the first game.

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Softball Kings of Georgia!

THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL TEN, which now rules as softball champs of Georgia after its win in the state tourney last weekend, is shown above in its most recent squad picture. Front row, left to right, are: Manager Irv Kaye, Ed DiProspero, Angus Kissel, Earl Varchmin, Johnny Bok, Jim Tarrant, Phil Nelson, and Lieut. Frank

Groves, team coach. In the back row, in the same order, are: Ed Murock, Steve Sieradski, Lloyd Haller, Harry Finney, Dan Coyle, Barney Waites, Bill Evans, Mercer Harlow, and Leon Hess. (Official U. S. Army Photo—168th Signal Photo Co.)

TPS Wins State Softball Title; Bound For Regionals In Florida

Varchmin Hurls Champs To Three Straight Wins

By SGT. OSCAR L. DAVIS

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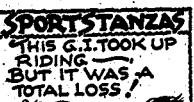
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STU Softballers Awarded Trophy

White several hundred softball fans looked on, Colonel John P. Edgerly, Commanding Officer of the Reception Center, presented a handsome trophy to the Second Battalion Softball team, winner of the Special Training Unit Soft Ball League, at a party-dance given in honor of the champion team Monday evening in the 10th Inf. Inf. GYM.

The dance culminated a successful season for the Second Battalion softball team.

Festivities began when Major Roland E. Fails, Battalion Commander, welcomed the guests and presented the guest officers, Captain Robert R. Howard, Reception Center, Special Service Officer, who introduced Colonel Edgerly, who complimented the team on its accomplishment and presented the beautiful trophy awarded by the Special Service Office.

GOLD STUFFS

Athletic Officer, received the trophy in behalf of the team. Lt. Moon presented 20 members of the team with gold softballs. The game was given a tremendous ovation. "Gaiety" reigned throughout the remainder of the evening. Managers of the other battalion teams attended the affair and helped the players celebrate. The Horstman uniform was rendered by the Reception Center Orchestra. Refreshments were served to all who attended.

The champions had a terrific fight to capture the softball crown and lead the league. Col. Edgerly, the 10th Inf. Inf. GYM, was the 2nd Battalion for the STU and interest in it was maintained all of the season. Always "the team to beat" by the other battalions, the champions had to come from behind many times to capture the top of the loop.

While team work was the key to success, individual honors should go to Cpl. Robert Howard for his

Deadline For All-Star Voting Is September 1

The deadline for submitting ballots for The Infantry School Baseball League's All-Star Squad expires at midnight of that date, either by mail or at the offices of The Bayonet or any of the Regimental newspapers, will be considered in the final tabulations.

It WILL NOT be necessary to use the ballots which the various camp publications have printed in previous issues.

The only requisite will be to pick at least one man for each position on at least one team excepting that of pitcher. Pick THREE! pitchers!

The result of the poll will be announced shortly after the tabulation is completed.

A cursory check of the ballots received to date indicates no player in the league has clinched or even come close to clinching a first team berth.

GET YOUR VOTES IN NOW!

pitching feats. A blinding fast ball was in third place, while a slow knuckle pitch gave him a change of pace that kept batters baffled.

SEARLES GOOD
Great defensive play around the bases was Cpl. Archie Thornton, and runner-up, in the division was Cpl. Jesse Vaughn, preventing many opponents from occupying the bases.

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Festivities began when Major Roland E. Fails, Battalion Commander, welcomed the guests and presented the guest officers, Captain Robert R. Howard, Reception Center, Special Service Officer, who introduced Colonel Edgerly, who complimented the team on its accomplishment and presented the beautiful trophy awarded by the Special Service Office.

GOLD STUFFS

Athletic Officer, received the trophy in behalf of the team. Lt. Moon presented 20 members of the team with gold softballs. The game was given a tremendous ovation. "Gaiety" reigned throughout the remainder of the evening. Managers of the other battalion teams attended the affair and helped the players celebrate. The Horstman uniform was rendered by the Reception Center Orchestra. Refreshments were served to all who attended.

The champions had a terrific fight to capture the softball crown and lead the league. Col. Edgerly, the 10th Inf. Inf. GYM, was the 2nd Battalion for the STU and interest in it was maintained all of the season. Always "the team to beat" by the other battalions, the champions had to come from behind many times to capture the top of the loop.

While team work was the key to success, individual honors should go to Cpl. Robert Howard for his

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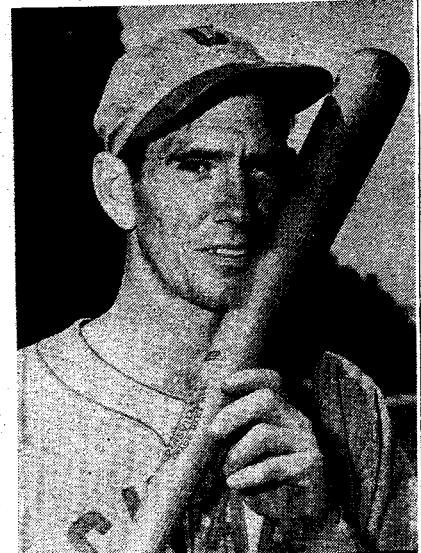
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George Hazzard, Handy Man Of 3d, Leaves Cockade Nine On Discharge



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LUCK 'EM'

Coach Charles E. Ziegas faces a difficult task of finding enough players to match the ability of his playing officers. However, the 3d had a month of Spring training, and Ziegas is convinced that some of the lads who attended the earlier meet will prove their worth when the season gets underway.

Saban, Hillenbrand, Jacoby and Reinhard gave the 3d four backs who would find the front door of any college in the country open to them. The 3d is one of the most promising players in the league. Hazzard received his discharge last week, and has returned to his home in Virginia.

He started off the season behind the bat for the Cockades, and when the team had

a glaring weakness at third base, he moved over there and turned in a fine game. He might be left field, and still prove himself one of the best fielders in the league.

His final batting average was .297, but he was a lot more dangerous than the average indi-vidual. He had one excellent hit at bat during the first half when he came up with five hits in five trips to the plate.

Lawson Fliers Step Into Lead In Senior Loop

Winning their sixth straight tilt, the Lawson Field Fliers knocked off the Pepsi-Cola Fliers Saturday night in a 6-2 in a Columbus Senior League battle and thereby took over the first place in the loop's second half race. The Benning nine won the first-half several weeks ago.

Until Sunday's loss, the Botters had gone undefeated in the second-half play. They have won six, the Fliers have won five, and the unbeaten Fliers. Lawson now sports a record of 17 consecutive wins in league play for the season.

Dum-Wum Doyle hurried good ball for the Fliers, who racked up a third straight win, allowing seven widely scattered hits. Lloyd Saxon was his mound rival, but the Lawson batsmen set upon him early in the tilt and knocked him from the box in the third frame. Bill Vaughn, on the Parachute Club hurler, finally quelled the Flier rally, which netted two runs. Vaughn held the Fliers under control until the eighth frame, when they broke loose again for a pair of tallies and duplicated this effort in the ninth.

Shields Annex Swim Title in 1944 Post Meet

A crack team of masters from the 5th Infantry captured the post's 1944 swimming and diving title last Sunday at Russ Pool in the annual meet which saw several records fall to the class entry of almost 100 swimmers.

The Shields, tutored by Lieut. John Scott, who captured two individual wins, romped to victory on the wings of many brilliant individual work by John Scott, who captured firsts in both the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke, and George Newton who captured the 100-yard freestyle, winning the relay events from the 4-meter board.

TRAEGER STARS

Another outstanding star of the meet was OC Bob Traeger of the 3d STR's 22d Company, who captured two events also, the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard freestyle.

LOVING RECORDS

Most outstanding of the record-smashing performance was Traeger's in winning the breaststroke. He lowered last year's record by 5.1 seconds in the amazing time of 33.4.

The 5th Infantry squad wound up with a total pointage of 26, while the 3d STR's 15th Co. was runner-up for the team trophy with 17. The 22d Co. finished third with 14 markers.

A handsome 29" trophy, emblematic of the team champion-ship, was awarded to Lieut. Catlano at the close of the meet by Lt. Col. Alexander H. Venzey, post athletic director, and Capt. F.A. White, who sponsored the meet.

Capt. Dan Herlong, Lieut. Art Monahan, and Sgts. Bill Belgrave and Archie Milam served as officials for the meet.

963rd Ordnance Bids For Title

Pounding out sixteen hits to defeat the strong 388th Ordnance HAM softball team by a 19-2, the 963rd Ordnance HAM found themselves one game closer to the coveted Ordnance Section title in a game played Saturday on Qualls Field.

This win definitely places the 963rd as a major contender in the final Section softball championship fight, which pits the winner of the Ordnance section with the victor of the Pine Grove section for the Second Army cup.

WILLIAMSON HURLS

In the game Saturday, Williamson, pitching for the 963rd, held the opposing team to three hits while fanning ten men.

The 963rd sent fifteen different batters to the plate as the 388th Ordnance used three different pitchers. Gianelli paced the winning team with two hits, one of which was a long smash drive good for three bases.

History Almost Repeats Itself As Cockades Bow to Wolves

By SGT. CHUCK VOORHIS

On June 2d last, when the 1st Student Training Regiment Wolves were breathing hot on the heels of the Academic Regiment Pros in the torrid stretch run of the Infantry School Baseball League's first half, they moved into Gowdy Field for a routine league contest with the Cockades from the 3d Infantry.

The Pros were nursing a game and a half lead and had four games to play. The second game to play.

Wolves had five games to play and could conceivably overhaul the Pros.

At the time, the Cockades were in the lead, having won but one game all season.

UPSET OF YEAR

It was the most natural thing in the world for Major George Simmons of the Wolves to start hurling harder. Eden DeVoider, who is a very fine pitcher when he's right, Eden started and pitched well enough, but his mates couldn't solve the series of Dewey's 10 hits.

That defeat hurt the Wolves' pennant chances a lot. The following night, the 4th Infantry Cockades also humbled the Wolves and that's what proved them completely out of the pennant race.

The Pros won the title by a margin of two games—those two games the Wolves lost to the pair of tail-end tenners.

The Cockades came mighty close to tailing off to a second place, but the Wolves were setting the league pace and were trying to protect a game and a half lead.

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